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EDITORIAL

Spring has arrived or has it? Weatherwise, it sometimes doesn't quite feel like it. Cormac Devlin TD thinks it has, as he refers to 'the grand stretch in the evenings' at the beginning of his article. Tidy Towns also agrees as it encourages all of us to 'Spring into Action' and join them in their efforts to keep Shankill looking good this year. There's room for improvement in our area especially with regards to Sustainability and Nature and Biodiversity. You can read more in their article this month. SAGE offers valuable information about what biodiversity actually means in their piece and will come back to this subject again in a future SCAN issue. There's lots more of interest in the March edition. Let us know how we are doing. You can send us an email or leave us a message. We value your feedback and ideas for improvement. And, by the way, Happy St Patrick's weekend everyone!

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

SVP SHANKILL CONFERENCE

Do you need our help?
You can call us directly at 087-696 2785. Alternately, call **01 855 0022** or go online at ***www.svp.ie.***

SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE'S MONTHLY BOOK SALE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday March 1st, 10am to 1pm at the Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill and the following one is on Saturday April 5th. Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day. All proceeds support the Centre's programmes and services.

(Apologies for the incorrect date given in the February issue for the March sale).

SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Shankill Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. The March meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th and the April meeting on Wednesday 9th. Visitors and new members are always welcome and meetings commence at 7.45. For further information either ring or text John O' Hagan at 087 2109175.

SHANKILL HEALTH CENTRE TALKS

Venue: Shankill Health Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, D18 DW08

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

4th March	Jog your Memory – as we get Older
1st April	Positive Aging – It is not all bad
6th May	Mental Health in Younger Adults - Supports
3rd June	Support for Carers
1st July	Pre Planning - Decision Making when we get older

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LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

If you or someone you care about has been diagnosed with dementia, you may have concerns about how dementia will impact on your life. People with dementia can live well and maintain independence with the right supports.

Dementia is different for everyone and can progress at a different pace for each person affected. What you can do, remember and understand may also change from day to day. It is important to get support and help so that you can understand what's happening and keep yourself well.

Health and social care professionals can provide support and advice to help you stay well and manage any challenges that may arise.

What can I do now?
It is always helpful to tell healthcare professionals that you come in contact with that you have a diagnosis of dementia. They can tailor treatment and support to your particular needs. If you are concerned about your memory please contact your local public health nurse or GP, who can advise you regarding services in your area. Your GP will also be able to help you if you are concerned that you or someone you care for may be showing early signs of dementia.

Useful Contacts:

Understand Together
www.understandtogether.ie
The Alzheimer Society of Ireland
National Helpline 1800 341 341 or
Email: ***helpline@alzheimer.ie***

HSELive Team
Call Save 1850 24 1850 or
Phone 041 6850300 or
Email: ***hselive@hse.ie***

HOME SECURITY (Part Two)

Citizens Information

Vacant Houses - If your home is going to be vacant during the summer period;

- Ask a trusted neighbour or family member to conduct frequent checks of the property at different times of the day to note any signs of trespassing or interference
- Ensure the house alarm is set
- Check all doors and windows are secure. (Use deadbolt locks if property is to be vacant for long periods)
- Install timers on internal lights and motion detectors on external lights to make the house appear occupied and offer natural surveillance of the property
- Ensure that the building doesn't look neglected. Cut the grass, trim hedges etc.
- Ask a neighbour to collect post or if you are going to be away for longer periods arrange a 'mail minder' service with An Post to retain post for collection and place a 'No Junk Mail' sign on letter-box
- Inform the local Garda station about the premises being vacant to afford passing attention on patrols

Social Media - If you are going on holiday and your home is going to be vacant, be mindful of what you post on social media. Even if you have enabled strict privacy settings, your holiday plans could be shared with unscrupulous people.

- Don't post status updates about your holidays while you're still away
- Don't post pictures while you're away
- Respect other people's privacy, don't tag others while you and they are on holidays
- Avoid posting upcoming travel plans
- Consider turning off the location sharing setting of your phone's camera app.

Garden/ Landscaping

- Don't help the burglar; safely store away ladders, tools etc.
- Use quality locks on garden sheds, chain valuable property, tools, bikes, etc. within
- Property mark and photograph valuable possessions
- Tidy up gardens and shrubbery, this improves visibility and creates the illusion of an occupied home
- Consider defensive planting, e.g. thorny plants around the perimeter, for extra security

A barrier of prickly hedge along your boundary or underneath a window will help deter thieves. Hedges and shrubs in the front garden should be kept to a height of no more than 3 feet in order to avoid giving a burglar a screen behind which he can conceal himself.

Home security and Burglary Prevention Advice - Check out the Garda's popular 'Lock Up Light Up' anti-burglary campaign on-line. It encourages homeowners to protect their property during winter, when residential burglaries traditionally rise.

Most burglars are opportunists and will select the easiest target that they can find. Don't offer them assistance by:

- Leaving any window open. Some people do this for ventilation forgetting that burglars will take advantage of the smallest opening
- Leaving external doors unlocked
- Leaving a key on a string, under a doormat, or in some other 'good hiding place' outside
- Failing to secure side doors, allowing entry to the back of the premises, which is more vulnerable to attack
- Failing to keep garages and sheds locked. Not only do they contain valuable property, but also tools which may help the burglar gain access to your home.

Doors - Burglars prefer to enter homes through a door because, if disturbed the open door provides the quickest escape route. Whether an intruder will gain access to your home through your external doors may depend on:

- the strength of the construction material
- the quality of the locks
- proper fitting and installation

If you are replacing your doors, you should consider doors that have already passed stringent security tests, such as PAS 24 2016, or for higher levels of security, doors meeting Irish & EU Burglar Resistant Security Standard IS EN 1627:2011. Additional locks and limiters may be added for extra security. Remember to lock your doors. One in five burglars will enter a home via an unlocked door or window.

Windows - More than a third of burglars will enter your property through a window. A window's individual vulnerability will depend on three main factors:

- The accessibility of the window
- The quality of the fabrication, strength and installation of the window
- The visibility of the window to neighbours or passers-by

We can reduce their attraction as an entry point for the burglar by trying to minimize these risk features. Windows manufactured to comply with the European standard I.S. EN 1627:2011 or the British security standard for doors & windows PAS 24-2016 or equivalent are recommended as these will have been subjected to specific security and burglar resistance tests. Additional locks and limiters may be added for extra security. Remember to lock your windows. One in five burglars will enter a home via an unlocked door or window.

Lighting - It is widely accepted that appropriate lighting can help to reduce crime and act as an effective deterrent to burglars. Appropriate lighting will help to make your home more visible to neighbours and passers-by; thereby increasing the likelihood of discovering unwanted intruders and trespassers. Lighting also helps to reduce the fear of crime. When installing security lighting, please consider each of the following:

- Avoid the creation of shadows and dark areas
- Position the light fitting out of reach
- Aim for a uniform light level
- Direct the light beam appropriately
- Consider your neighbours
- Avoid light pollution

Alarms - It is widely accepted that intruder alarms are an effective deterrent against burglars, thereby helping to reduce the likelihood of your home being targeted. However, it is important to understand that an intruder alarm is not a replacement for good physical security. It should, rather, be regarded as a back-up to good physical and other security measures and precautions employed to protect your home. All installed alarms should comply with the European Standard EN 50131. All alarm installers and installation companies must now be licensed by the Private Security Authority. A list of all licensed installers is available on their website. It is important to understand how your alarm system operates. Your installer should explain the operation of the system to you and all other members of your family. Insist on a training session to demonstrate its features. Do not write alarm codes etc. on the instruction manual or on walls or doors near the control unit or keypad

(Source: www.citizensinformation.ie)

Thank You

On behalf of St. Anne's Parish, Shankill we wish to thank all of the following businesses in Shankill and Bray for their contributions to our Christmas Fair.

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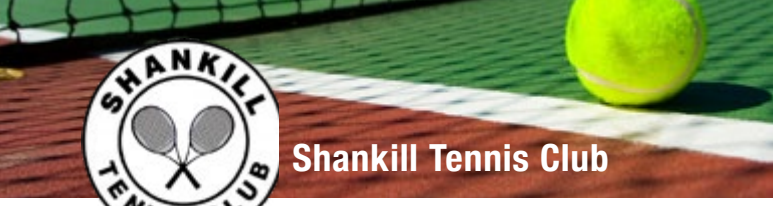

Shankill Tennis Club launch debenture scheme to raise funds for new Padel and junior courts.

Shankill Tennis Club are currently installing two new Padel courts, two junior courts for tennis and Pickleball and a hitting wall. To reduce the club's requirement for a bank loan Shankill Tennis Club have launched a debenture scheme. This is where people can loan the club money which is then repaid with interest over a defined time period. It reduces the club's need to take on a more expensive bank loan. Debentures start in amounts of €1,000 euros. For more information and details of the upcoming closing date, please email ***debentures@shankilltennisclub.com***.

If you are in a position to partake in the scheme, please do. Shankill Tennis Club is a community club so your support greatly benefits all in our community.

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Included in the programme will be Claire's original songs with harp, celebrating themes of Love and Nature.

For further information:
www.clairerochemusic.com | phone: 087 289 5525

GLC na Seanchille

Holding Up Our Skills Wall

Our skills wall is proving to be very popular with our teams. Training slots are at a premium and all age groups are delighted with the new facility. We hope to see a massive improvement in our Hurling and Football skills this season. Meanwhile our Academy kids have become very happy and comfortable with the new skills wall and with the warm weather on the way, we want to get everyone back and make it "wall to wall children." The Academy is in Stonebridge Road is for boys and girls 4 to 6 years of age from 10.00am to 11.00am on Saturday mornings. Why not give it a try there are loads of coaches, all equipment is supplied. Just rock up and make yourself known at the reception table.

Congratulations Congratulations Congratulations Congratulations

A massive congratulations to our girls and boys who have been selected to play in 2025 on Dublin teams. Lucy and Sian are selected on the under 14 Camogie team and also on the under 14 Football team. Also Lauren and Tara are training with the Dublin Camogie Development team. More good news is that our boys Daragh and Amaury have both been selected on the under 14 Hurling team. This is a massive achievement for our Shankill players and their coaches who were able to reach such high standards while only having Stonebridge Road to train. Now with opening of our skills wall the sky is the limit and there are lots and lots of young girls and boys coming up through the various age groups. Well, done guys you are great role models for the young aspiring players in our club. Watch this space. REMINDER There is a place for you in Shankill GAA where the club is a family. There are teams at all age groups in Football, Hurling and Camogie from under 7 years to adult, where there is a warm friendly welcome waiting for you in the fastest growing sports club in Dunlaoghaire. Just give us a call. C'mon our wonderful Village.

Shankill GAA Club Camp dates 2025
Easter Camp. April 14th to April 17th
Summer Camp 1. June 30th July to 4th
Summer camp 2. July 14th to July 18th
Kellogg's Cul Camp. August 18th to August 22nd
Venue TBC
Children aged 5 to 12 years. Online registration will open shortly.

Paddy Cullen RIP

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Paddy. He was a giant of Dublin football, won three All Ireland's and he and his team revolutionised Gaelic football in the 1970's. At this time Gaelic football in Dublin was at an all time low, however with Heffo as the boss and "Heffo's Army" on the march Paddy and his team mates laid the foundation for the success that Dublin Football has enjoyed in recent years. In 1976 the then Shankill club as a fundraiser invited the full band on An Garda Síochána to entertain us at a concert in St Brendan's College (Woodbrook College) organised by the late Sg. Joe O Brien. In a light bulb moment, someone decided to give Paddy a ring and invite him to Shankill, and sure enough on the night Paddy appeared on stage with the Sam Maguire in hand. The hall was packed to capacity with standing room only and what a wonderful welcome the Shankill people extended to him. What brilliant memories, eternal rest Paddy, you deserve it.
Left to right: Don Behan, Brendan Ryan, Noel Killeen, Ann Ryan, Helen Killeen, Paddy O Brien, Paddy Cullen, Kevin Nevin, Sean Hazel, Noel McGarry, Gerry Traynor, Michael Killeen.

Christmas Day Swim

The hardy folk of Shankill led by Brian Mason took to the sea at Shankill for the annual Christmas fundraiser. All funds collected will be distributed to local good causes. We were delighted to donate €500 to the event for the Shankill Day Care Centre. The money was raised by the popular Chase the Ace draw in Bradys Pub. I am delighted to report that everyone involved returned safely to shore.

SHANKILL FC
Part of Our Community

Our U11 Girls team are looking for a couple of more girls to join the team. Also, any girl aged 7 to 11 is more than welcome at our Girls Academy every Saturday at 11am.

Shankill FC are delighted to sponsor Aisling Meehan for the 2025 season. Our girls had a great time at the DLR Waves training session recently in Beckett Park. Our Girls Academy Director, Tony Poutch was also presented with his waves season ticket.

For opportunities on all our boys & girls' teams from U7 to Senior teams & academies

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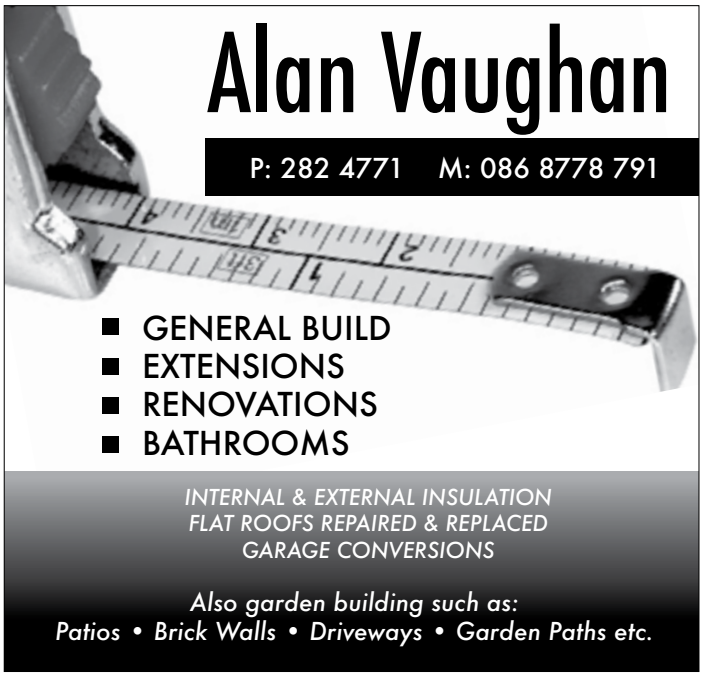

Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

On Sunday 29th of December last, Shankill Bowling Club and our bowling friends from Blackrock Bowling Club joined to play a fundraising game of bowls at Quinn's Road in support of St. Joseph's Dementia care centre in Shankill. It has become an annual event to help raise much needed funds for the work of dementia care.

Teams consisting of eight mixed players filled all rinks to enjoy an after Christmas bowling get together for this worthwhile game and helped raise over eight hundred and fifty euros. Well done to all those who enjoyed a lovely mild Sunday of bowling. Winners on the day (pictured above) were from the left: Richard, Susan, Jack, (Michael, not in photo) with Shankill's Captain Colin.

Shankill Bowling Club held its 31st Annual General Meeting on Sunday 26th January 2025 in our clubhouse. A full contingent of 58 members made the effort to attend on what was a wet and miserable night.

Issues for discussion were the usual club happenings, such as the achievements of the outgoing committee, the replaced seating at the front of the clubhouse, areas made ready by Dlr CoCo outdoor staff for further seating combined with shelter at the allotment end fence, other separate benches along both boundaries one at the Tennis club side, and along the Quinn's road side with planned planting between each. A report was also given by the outgoing Vice president of the activities with St. Joseph's Dementia care members and their families as well as with other groups including Carmona services and Bray Rehab group, which demonstrated our willingness to share our bowling club with our community. This is a policy initiated by the present executive.

The following officers were elected:

President: Martina Doherty
Vice President: Tom Hunt
Hon. Secretary: Martin Gray
Hon Treasurer: Michael Quirke
PRO: Jack Byrne.

It was agreed to hold a meeting to elect the inaugural Bowling Committee for 2025 within one calendar month, thus Shankill bowling club will be launched for another year entering into national competition. Details of the bowling club committee sill be in next month's article.

Meanwhile, our club is still involved in the Winter league and heading into games presently. The results of our three teams (Saturdays, division 3 South, Thursdays, Vets sides division 2 and division 3) final finishing positions will be included in April's issue. At present all three are in with chances to progress into the final stages. We wish all players best of luck and we hope they enjoy the remaining games.

ASK the Expert

FINANCE CORNER

I am approaching retirement – what decisions am I going to need to make when it comes to retiring my pension fund?

Choosing the right options for your retirement is a big decision and it is really important to get professional financial advice. Firstly, the good news is that you are able to take a cash lump sum when you retire. Then with the balance of your pension fund you will have several options.

How is the cash lump sum calculated?
The amount of cash lump sum you can take depends on the type of pension contract you had prior to retirement. The amount you can take is tax free up to a maximum lifetime limit of €200,000. The next €300,000 of any lump sum is taxable at 20%. Anything over €500,000 will be taxable at your marginal rate.

If you have a personal pension or individual PRSA then a cash lump sum to the value of 25% of your pension fund is your only option (subject to the limits outlined above).

If you had a pension linked to an employment (in a DC Scheme or Personal Retirement Bond) you have the above option to take 25%, but you also have the option to take a cash lump sum based on the number of years' service completed with your employer and your final salary. The maximum lump sum is 150% of your final salary where you have accrued 20 years or more service which ends on or after your normal retirement age. Please note that the cash lump sum based on this option may be higher than the first option but if it is taken in that form, you can only purchase an annuity with the residual fund.

So, once you take a cash lump sum from your pension, the options with the balance are as follows:
Purchase an annuity, choose this option if:

- You want the certainty of a guaranteed income for life.
- You don't want to take investment risks with your retirement fund.
- Passing on the balance of your fund after your death is not a priority.

Investing in an Approved Retirement Fund (ARF) or Vested PRSA, choose this option if:

- You want your retirement fund to have the potential to continue to grow.
- You want more control over how your fund is invested.
- You want to pass on the balance of your fund after your death.
- You want to make withdrawals as and when you need to.
- You can tolerate a certain level of investment risk.

The key differences between an annuity and an ARF are flexibility and risk. An annuity converts the money in your pension fund into guaranteed income payable for your lifetime, fixed on the date you buy the annuity. However, on death, there will be little or no return for your dependants unless you purchased a spouse's/dependant's pension and/or had a guaranteed period. An ARF allows you to preserve, manage and control your pension fund. You can invest your money in suitable assets and decide how much taxable income you want to withdraw each year, subject to the minimum withdrawal once you are aged 61 or over. Unlike an annuity, it does not provide a guaranteed income but on death any balance in your ARF is payable to your dependants. It is important to note that the availability of these options can be impacted by other factors such as pensions from other employments, Pension Adjustment Orders or redundancy calculations. Professional advice should be sought.

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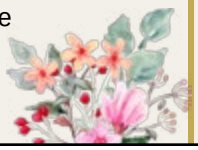

ST PATRICKS WEEKEND
Sunday, March 16th
Live Music: The Moogies
20:30 - 22:30

Monday, March 17th
Live Music: The Juke Brothers
18:00 - 20:00

Keep an eye on our socials for all specials over March!

HORSE RACING
Cheltenham 2025:
Watch Cheltenham live on the big screen from the 11th to the 14th of March!

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Shankill Valeview Shanganagh Football Club (SVS FC)

by Jay Mahony

Hello everybody, at time of print our Saturday team were still unbeaten and 4 points behind the leaders with 3 games in hand, so in a great position to do well in this league. Our Sunday team has adapted to the new system under the new management team of Wayne and Alan Morris. Ably assisted by some of our senior lads, the lads have moved out of the relegation zone and sit comfortably in the upper half of mid table. A good closing run of games from the lads still offers the chance of promotion.

The lads are thrilled to have ex-Ireland international and Aston Villa midfielder Mark Kinsella coaching them. Mark has added that little bit extra to the training sessions and the lads are eager to impress and learn from the legend. Welcome to SVS FC Mark, Core Credit Union Park is a far cry from Villa Park, but it's great to have you here among us, giving something back.

Bank holiday Sunday 2nd of February saw the club run a very successful social night in Brady's of Shankill, in the form of a musical Bingo. Over 85 people took part with many more attending and joining in with the music and craic. We would like to thank Paddy the Turk Barbers for sponsoring the Bingo prizes for the night and the many local shops and businesses' who supplied us with spot prizes. Many thanks to John Brady for allowing us to host the event and we hope to return soon.

Of course, this would not have been such a great night without you the people of Shankill who gave up their Bank holiday Sunday night to come out and support us. We hope you enjoyed the night and thank you for your loyal support. It has to be added that the highlight of the night was the solo rendition of The Piano Man by our chairman Joe Whyte. He had everyone in the pub on their feet and singing along.

The lads are now wearing our new kit kindly sponsored by DPD, The John Brady Group and Dublin Stage School. It is also necessary to thank our regular core sponsors. Without their support, year after year, the club would not be able to function. The John Brady Group, Core Credit Union and John McGovern Car Sales have been with us since our amalgamation in 2018 and with the individual clubs before that. Newbie sponsor Wayne Morris Painting services and RFE electrical sponsored our new away kit. All this support is greatly appreciated by the committee and players. We'll keep you up to date with our team's progress on Instagram and Facebook.

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Gluais Bhéarla:
gealbhan / sparrow; sceimheal / eaves, ***~ tí, cruaiche*** / eaves of house, of stack; ***fál*** / hedge; ***A mheallfaidh tú*** / will beguile, lure, charm, entice you.

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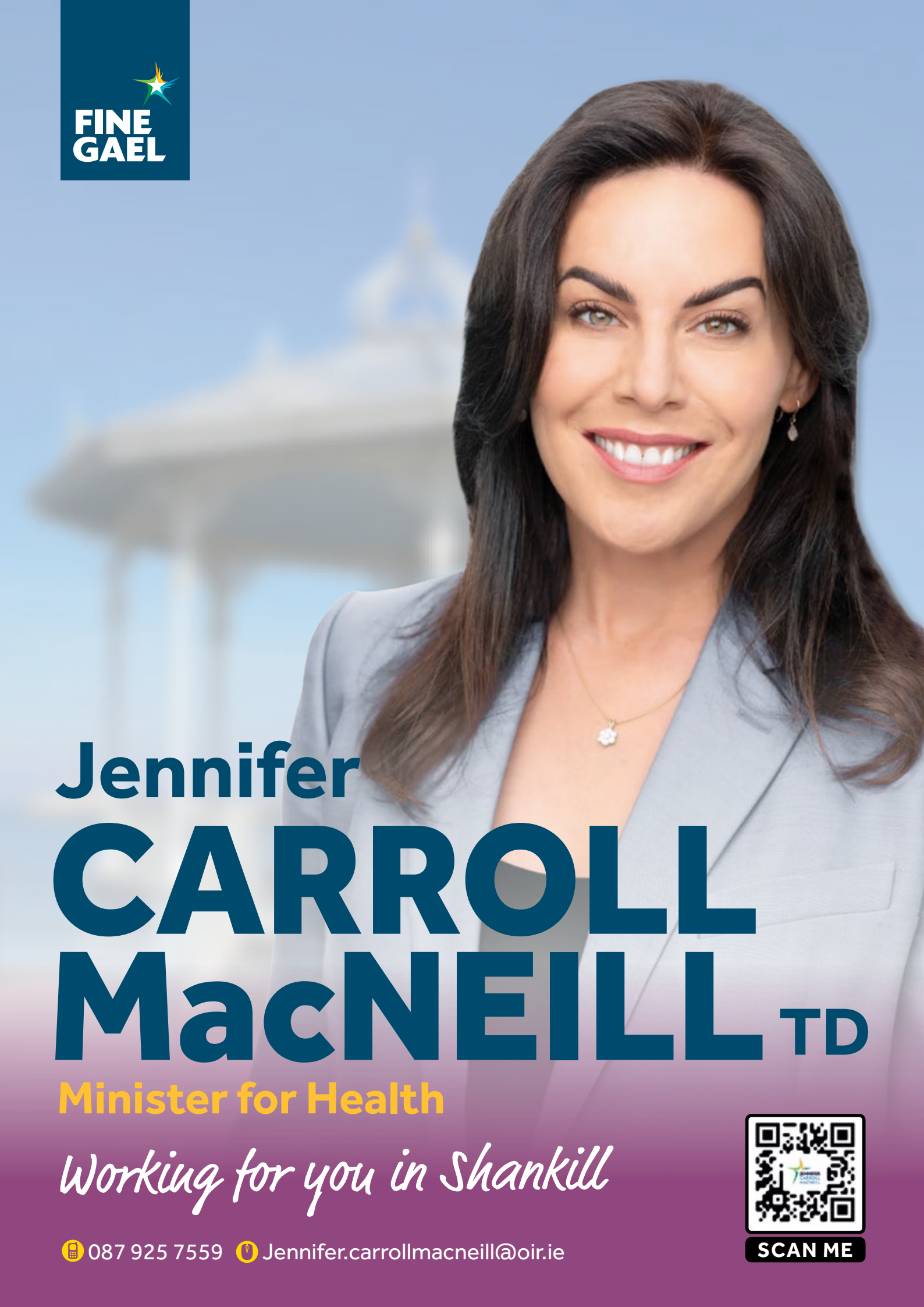

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Local History Society Lectures

by James Scannell

Killiney Historical Society
The Society will host an Open Night, presented by members and friends of the Society, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday March 4th in the Druid's Chair Pub upstairs lounge, Killiney Hill Road, Rocheshill, Killiney, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5. The Society's journal will be on sale at this meeting.

Mount Merrion Historical Society
Declan Kerney will present ***'Ireland's Revolutionary Diplomat: Leopold Kerney'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 6th in the Fitzwilliam Rooms, Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for non-members and €2 for students. The car park is 24 hour Pay and Display.

Military History Society of Ireland
Dr. Macdara Dwyer will present ***'An Empire in search of subjects: Catholic Irish and the British Army in the 18th century'*** on Friday March 7th and Dr. Gerry O'Keeffe '***Bravery Deserving of a Better Cause' - The East India Company's Irish Soldiers 1830-1860'*** on Friday March 28th. Both lectures take place at 8 p.m. in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome.

The Old Dublin Society
Donal Fallon will present ***'The Lamplighters of the Phoenix Park'*** on Wednesday March 12th and Eamon Delaney ***'The Old Tenements and the New Suburbs'*** on Wednesday March 26th. Both take place at 6 p.m. in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome - admission is free and no booking is required.

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society
Jane Nolan will present ***'Local History through Maps'*** on Thursday March 13th at 8 p.m. in St. Lawrence's Parish Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Members are free – visitors €3. Please note that there is a car parking charge of €1 per hour at this venue – coin payment only.

Foxrock Local History Club
Christian Corlett will give the long talk, ***'New Thoughts on St. Kevin and Glendalough'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday March 18th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, All are welcome - admission is €5. A short talk will precede this lecture.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Rob Goodbody will present ***'Richard Toucher, Father of Dun Laoghaire's Asylum Harbour'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday March 19th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5. Copies of the Society's journal will be on sale at this meeting.

Wicklow County Libraries
Joan Kavanagh will present ***'The Grangegorman Penitentiary'*** at 7 p.m. on Thursday March 20th in Wicklow Library, The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow Town, Admission is free but booking is required as the venue has a limited capacity – email: wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie or call 0404-67025.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Brian White will recall ***'A Historic Look at Bray Main Street'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 20th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

The Irish Railway Record Society
Ciaran Cooney will present ***'The Annual Film Show'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday February 27th in the Society's Dublin 8, Heuston Station premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society
Ronan Kelly will present ***'Every Branch of the Healing Art'***: A History of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland' at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 27th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €5 - Swan Car Park Evening Rate: €4 from 7 p.m. to Midnight.

Shankill – Looking Back

'It is a fatal thing to go through Shankill with anything wrong'
This observation was made by District Justice Little at the Wednesday March 3rd 1925 sitting of Shankill District Court in Shankill Library following a number of motoring cases which came before him. Joseph Gormely, Dublin, was fined £2 for driving a motor lorry dangerously on the Dublin Road in January which nearly resulted in a collision with a motor car travelling in the opposite direction. Henry Kelly, Dublin, was fined £2 for dangerous driving; Patrick Keenan, Little Bray was fined 11s. for travelling at a dangerous speed and having no driving licence; Thoms Cummins, Dublin, was fined 5s. for having no driving licence; Albert Toogood, Dublin, was fined 10s. for not displaying a motor tax disc, and John Cahill, Donnybrook, fined 10s. for light(s) on his vehicle.

Publications

Articles featured in the 160 page 'Obelisk 2025' includes 'A Free-Range Childhood in Rural Kilmacud' by Liam Collins; 'Mary Louisa Whately of Redesdale and Cairo' by Bryan Mac Mahon; Pye Factory Dundrum: Before and After' by Margaret Smith; 'The South County Dublin Battalion FCA 1946-1959' by James Scannell; 'Sandyford Road: A Journey in 1850' by Michael Van Turnhour; 'Jarlath Hayes: Stillorgan Designer, Typographer and Wood-Worker' by Susan Waine; 'The Way to Dundrum' by Matt Cahill; 'Ireland Soccer Shirts Museum visits St Laurence's BNS, Kilmacud' by Clive O'Connor; 'Dundrum Carnegie Library since 1914' by John Lennon; 'The Chimney on the Hill' by Aiden Feerick; Major Denis J. Coulson, Stillorgan: Sportsman and Soldier' by Peter Sobolewski; 'Memories of the Way Things Were in Stillorgan 1950 to 1958' by Cyril Dunne; 'History of the Dodder Anglers' Association' by Redmond O'Hanlon; 'Stillorgan Snapshots' by Aiden Traynor; 'The Love Family of Marlay' by Sean Magee'; 'De Valera's Rule: Different Perspectives' by Emer O'Neill, and 'Wildflowers of Stillorgan, Mount Merrion and Dundrum' by Paula O'Regan.
The cover features the Pilkington family coat of arms which appears on a window on the main staircase of Westbury House, now part of the campus of St Raphaela's schools in Kilmacud. Copies of Obelisk 2025 and some previous editions are available from the Society's online shop at ***www.kilmacudstillorganhistory.ie*** and their monthly talks.

Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

We wish all our readers a happy New Year and hope you The Rathmichael Historical Society held a well-attended Annual General Meeting at its usual venue on 5th February. The AGM was followed by two illustrated short talks by members.

The first was entitled, From Bruff to Bulgaria: an Unlikely Bulgarian Hero from Co.Limerick and was presented by Richard Ryan. The talk described the career of James Bourchier who was born in Bruff in 1850 and died in Bulgaria in 1920. A journalist representing the Times of London, he went to live in Bulgaria and became involved in Balkan politics at the time when Bulgaria was breaking free from the Ottoman Empire. He is well-remembered in Bulgaria and has a boulevard and metro station named after him in Sofia, as well as stamps issued in his honour.

The second talk by John Roden described in detail the history of the Woodbrook Opera House near Shankill from its conception in the early part of the 20th century through its various iterations as a sports hall, concert hall, opera house and now an auction hall. Famous in its day, it attracted performers such as Dame Nellie Melba and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. It had its own halt on the railway line (now being rebuilt as a DART station). It was possible to buy an all-inclusive ticket for the rail journey from Dublin and the performance.

The final two lectures in the Spring lecture programme will be as follows:

- 5th March: Irish Colleges on the Continent by Thomas O'Connor.
- 2nd April: Earley Studies in Stained Glass by Michael Earley.

An extensive series of trips and outings is being prepared for the Summer season.

All talks are held at 8pm in Rathmichael School. Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin. They are also accessible by Zoom. Members attend free. Non-members pay €5 per lecture.

Further information on our website:
www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie

Shankill & Ballybrack

Community First Responders

Registered Charity Number: 20200526

January was another busy month with our volunteers responding to a total of 26 emergency calls in the community. We have also restarted our training sessions, equipping community members with lifesaving skills as well as continuing with the training refresh for our wonderful volunteers.

So far, we have successfully trained 55 individuals, helping to improve overall emergency preparedness in our area. If you or your organization/group would like to organize "Hands for Life" training, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. These sessions are a fantastic way to empower people with the knowledge and confidence to act in an emergency. Contact us today to arrange a session for your workplace, school, or community group!

Support Us – Movement for Good Nomination
We need your help! Shankill/Ballybrack Community First Responders could win £1,000 through the Movement for Good initiative. This funding would go a long way in supporting our efforts to provide emergency response services and training for the community.

To nominate us, simply visit Movement for Good website www.movementforgood.com and search for "Shankill/Ballybrack Community First Responders" to cast your nomination. Your support can make a real difference!
For the latest updates, visit our ***website www.shankillcfr.ie***; follow us on Facebook "Shankill & Ballybrack CFR," and/or our Instagram ***@shankillballybrackcfr***. For any inquiries, please send an email to ***info@shankillcfr.ie***.

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Shankill Classical Music Club

In what is now becoming a regular annual feature, the February session was built up from lists of suggestions put forward by members rather than being the choice of a single presenter. As there were enough ideas to fill several programmes there were bound to be some disappointments. There's plenty of material left!

Each half of the evening had one or two fairly lengthy pieces filled out by shorter ones, with a range or genres and styles. The first half included both the oldest and youngest pieces of the evening, radically different. Johann Sebastian Bach famously wrote an enormous quantity of religious vocal music, but also much unrivalled instrumental music. He wasn't quite the first to write for an unaccompanied violin, but his three sonatas and three partitas set new standards. While the partitas (mainly suites of dances) are generally lighter in tone, the *Chaconne* from the second partita is a fourteen minute tour-de-force, a major challenge for the player – and maybe even for listeners.

A movement from the *Armed Mass - A Mass for Peace* by the Welsh composer Karl Jenkins (born 1944) was quite a contrast. This substantial choral work, one of the most often performed large-scale modern compositions, uses texts and musical idioms from a wide range of cultures and languages to supplement the familiar texts of the Latin Mass. The *Benedictus* sets a timelessly consolatory mood.

In the second half, the centrepiece, from a long list put forward by one member, was the slow movement from Beethoven's third piano concerto. Choosing the recording by John O'Conor ticked a box for another member; and another pair of choices were satisfied by another piano piece, the slow movement from Rachmaninov's first sonata. And there was more piano (with a bit of French horn near the end) in the first movement of Philip Glass's *Glassworks*, from the early 1980s.

Chamber music turned up in the form of a movement from one of Haydn's *Sun* string quartets. And opera was represented by the aria *Una furtiva lagrima* from Donizetti's *Elixir of Love* and the *Pilgrims' Chorus* from Wagner's *Tannhäuser*. *Oft, in the Stilly Night* - the traditional Irish melody applied to the famous Thomas Moore poem – was heard in the Benjamin Britten setting, sung by Peter Pears.

And the evening was topped and tailed by two fun orchestral pieces: Rimsky-Korsakov's fizzing *Flight of the Bumblebee*, and the *Dance of the Hours*, a ballet from Ponchielli's *La Gioconda.* Listeners of a certain age unfamiliar with the original can be startled when the romantic strains give way to the cheeky tune immortalised by Allan Sherman in the 1960s as *Hello Muddah, hello Fadduh. Here I am at Camp Granada. Camp is very entertaining. And they say we'll have some fun if it stops raining!*

*The next meetings will be on **Wed 12 March and Wed 9 April.** Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).*

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Shankill TidyTowns — Glanbhaile Seanchill

Spring into Action with Shankill TidyTowns

As Spring comes to Shankill, it's time to take action so that our community looks its best by summer, when we will be visited by a SuperValu Tidy Towns adjudicator. It is timely, therefore to review the comments of last year's adjudicator and edited comments are attached below, covering the various judging categories.

We do well on most categories but there is room for improvement, especially Sustainability and Nature & Biodiversity. Shankill TidyTowns want to work closely with schools, residents and other local community groups as we are judged not just on what our volunteers do but on what our community as a whole achieves.

Let's clean-up together to win gold again in 2025

Community

It was very clear that you all have immense pride for your area and its heritage and that you are held in very high regard by the wider community. You are also excellent communicators and your contribution to SCAN and Facebook were noted, including many volunteering calls for ongoing activities.

Streetscape & Public Spaces

Main Street Shankill is short but attractive, with a nice planting scheme. All retail premises are well presented. St. Anne's Church is a landmark building in the urban environment.

The DART station and car park, Tennis Club, Cemetery, Stonebridge Community Facility and Corbawn Lane beach access were visited and are well kept.

Green Spaces & Landscaping

The large amount of open green spaces is impressive as is their use for recreation. The inclusion of colour and pollinators in planting also impressed, including beds and planters in the Village and at roundabouts.

Work on tidying and planting small plots was praised.

Overall, a strong category for Shankill.

Nature & Biodiversity

Tree planting is a major focus, and incredible results have been achieved, including the orchard of rare apple tree varieties.

The habitat of Sand Martins could be protected by pollinator planting and bug hotels, as their diet is insect based.

This category is very important and TidyTowns can work to improve biodiversity locally.

Sustainability

Focus more on waste, energy and sustainable transport.

Other worthwhile projects include upcycling (reduce & reuse), book swaps and eco congregations.

Working with SAGE is important, including the Energy Master Plan and area-based retrofit programmes, which will help meet Climate Targets.

Tidiness & Litter Control

Regular litter picks are still an integral part of TidyTowns work, The adjudicator did not see much litter except for stickers from disposable vapes. Regular community clean-ups such as Spring Clean, are critical.

The DART Station bottle bank was clean and free from litter.

Some road signs and post boxes were in poor condition.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas

Shankill offers a variety of housing types, styles and sizes. As expected, these are for the large part, well maintained.

Many areas were visited including: Corbawn Lane, Beechfield Manor, Clonasleigh, Athgoe Drive, Seafield, Clanmawr.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes

The tree lined approach roads from Dublin, Bray and Dalkey are impressive, with granite walls recalling the historic homes of the area. You are cognisant of the importance of this category and on making a good first impression.

I am happy to award extra points to you here. Well done!

Conclusion

Shankill was a nice area to adjudicate, and I was happy to see all the progress that has been made. It would not be possible to comment on every project you mentioned in a 3-page report, but please be assured I read all the documentation and enjoyed a good walk around Shankill.

Keep up the good work!

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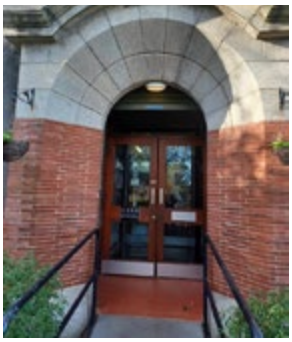

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Our First Friday Book Club meets on ***Friday 7th March at 11am*** to discuss ***'A Long Petal of the Sea'*** by Isabel Allende

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We will hold the second meeting on ***Thursday 6th March at 7pm***. We shall continue our discussion of the remaining short stories from ***"Dubliners"***. The first meeting discussed ***"The Dead"*** which is considered one of the greatest short stories ever written.

JUNIOR BOOK CLUB
The Junior Book Club resumes on the 25 February (the last Tuesday of every month) from 3:15pm - 4pm. Suitable for children from 9 - 12 years of age. We will be discussing ***"The Land of Stories"*** by Chris Colfer. There are a few spaces still available. Copies of selected book will be available in the library. To book, email: shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie. or Tel: 01 2823081.

CRAFT CIRCLE
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ST PATRICK'S DAY CRAFTS
Thursday, 13 March 2025, 3 – 4 pm
Suitable for Ages 4 – 8 years
Join Library staff for a fun St. Patrick's Day themed craft session.

"Pot of Gold" workshop with Susie Fortune from "White Doodle Art". Create a fun mixed media "Pot of gold at the end of the rainbow" picture. Please wear old clothing or bring an apron
Tuesday, 4th March, 4.00 - 5.15 pm
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Friday 14th March 3.00pm - 3.30 pm
St. Patrick's Day themed Storytime

All welcome, No Booking required.

EASTER CRAFTS
Tuesday, 8 April 2025, 3 – 4 pm
Age: 4 – 8 years
Create fun crafts with library staff for Easter.
To book, email: shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel: 01 2823081.

Join Kim Jenkinson for this children's art workshop. We will be making colourful Easter bunting to take home, cutting and folding decorative papers to create Easter Bunnies and chicks, and embellishing with ribbons and beads.

Wednesday, 16 April 2025, 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Age: 4 – 8 years.
To book, email: shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel: 01 2823081.

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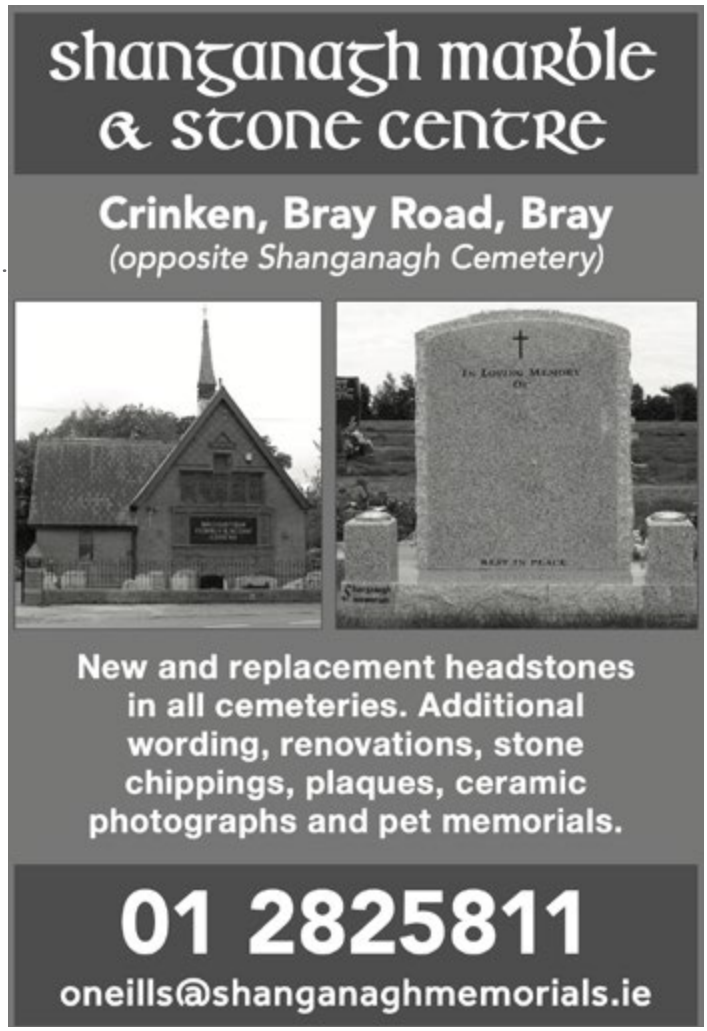
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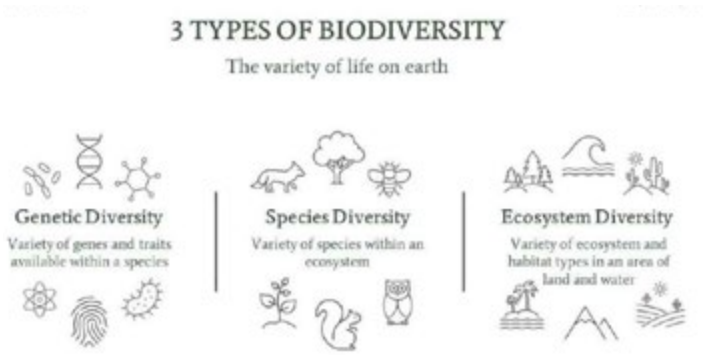
WHAT IS BIODIVERSITY?
Biodiversity – or 'biological diversity' to give it its full name - is the latest buzzword. It is constantly mentioned in the media: we have a National Biodiversity Action Plan, a local biodiversity plan and a Biodiversity Officer in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. In May 2019 the Dail voted upon and declared both a National Climate and Biodiversity Emergency. But what exactly is meant by biodiversity?


3 TYPES OF BIODIVERSITY
The variety of life on earth
Genetic Diversity
Variety of genes and traits available within a species
Species Diversity
Variety of species within an ecosystem
Ecosystem Diversity
Variety of ecosystem and habitat types in an area of land and water

Firstly, biodiversity refers to all the myriad of lifeforms on earth: plants, animals, fungi, bacteria, etc. It includes everything from the smallest microscopic organisms to mosses, ferns and flowers, to the tallest trees; from insects, spiders, reptiles and birds, to the largest mammals. Secondly, biodiversity includes the genetic variety within all these organisms. Just as humans vary, for example, in size, abilities and resistance to diseases, depending on their genetic make-up, so do all other species. The third element of biodiversity is the ecosystem – that is, woodlands, grasslands, farmland, oceans, soil, etc. - in wh ich organisms live together in an intricate and delicate balance with one another and the physical environment of the soil, climate, etc.

We don't know how many species there are on earth but it is estimated that there may be about 10 million. To date only about 1.9 million have been named and documented! Compared to the European continent, or even Britain, Ireland has a relatively small number of native species, i.e. those that have found their own way here without the aid of humans. Nonetheless, what we do have are very valuable because they have adapted to our unique environment.

Biodiversity provides us with almost everything we need to survive. Plants and animals, and to a lesser extent fungi, are the basis of our food, medicines and raw materials. Many organisms provide natural waste-disposal systems. Ecosystems clean the air and water and regulate stream flow. 'Wild places', with their associated plants and animals, are of intrinsic value for their beauty and have spiritual and recreational significance.

As DLRCoCo's slogan 'From the mountains to the sea' indicates, the county is lucky to have a variety of ecosystems and their associated flora and fauna. In the Shankill area, this wealth of biodiversity includes the sea and shoreline; grassland, woodland and hedges in Shanganagh Park; arable and grazing land beyond the M11; and on the slopes of Carrickgollogan, coniferous plantations and deciduous woodland. On the top of Carrickgollogan there is a small area of heath - if we travel to the Dublin Mountains we find more extensive heaths and blanket bog. Urban areas are rich with trees and open areas and our gardens contain a diversity of plants, native and non-native, which attract a wide variety of invertebrates and birds. The interrelationships between plants, animals and their environment will be examined in more detail in a later article in SCAN.

A reminder of SAGE's Solar Meitheal: Anyone thinking about installing solar panels may contact SAGE at Sageshankill@gmail.com and send us your Eircode. We will then prepare and send a range of options for you to consider. Should they be acceptable we will request permission to send your contact details to a pre-vetted installer to agree to a final contract.

A number of people have sent expressions of interest but to make this viable we need more to ensure we have enough people at the end of the process to make it worth the while of an installer to offer a group discount.

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

The school continues to encourage children to be active in this Spring Term. Besides our usual in-school activities – Gaelic Football with Coach Steve, daily runs around the grounds, Swimming in dlr Loughlinstown and PE with Active Sports, this term also sees Touch Rugby returning and 6th Class Cycle Safety training taking place. This commenced in January, with an in-class instruction session and the children are enjoying the practical training on the astro pitch.

After-school activities also continue with Soccer, Multi Sports, Basketball, Olympic Handball, Drama, Lego Club, Athletics (all run by Active Sports), Hockey (run by Tréo) and to help stimulate the children's minds, we have welcomed back Al Robinson who is running a Chess Club for 1st to 6th Classes. On the creative side, Artzone continues its sessions for all the age groups.

The Boys' Hockey Teams played Kill O'The Grange NS at the end of January and won one game and lost the other in a closely fought match.
The Boys' Football Team played a local derby friendly against our near neighbours, St. Anne's NS at the start of February. This was a very competitive game which ended in a 0-0 draw so honours even!
The very best of luck to our 5th Class Boys' team who are competing in the Olympic Handball Dublin Championships this month.

Congratulations to all our pupils who have been taking part in Tennis Competitions – Katie C, Eve K and Mary-Kate B – particularly well done to Mary-Kate who was the winner of the Under 12 Girls Singles in the recent Junior South of Ireland T500 tournament.

6th Class went to a Fighting Words Workshop on 6th February and worked on writing their own stories – this is always an amazing opportunity for the children to use their creative imaginations.

The children have been writing words of kindness on Sunflower petals – acts of kindness to them, how they have been kind and good deeds done. These are displayed in the school concourse area.

We are continuing with our Buddy visits to Shankill Library – Senior Infants and 3rd Class went at the end of January and 1st and 4th Classes have been in February – many thanks to the Library staff for facilitating this – the children really enjoyed learning about the Library and listening to stories.

1st Class and 5th Class children are working on separate musical productions with our Music teacher, Naomi and their class teachers and we are very much looking forward to their performances towards the end of term. We also look forward to other exciting events in this term's school calendar – Pancake Day, World Book Day, Safer Internet Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Crazy Hair/Odd Socks Day and our Adult Table Quiz for parents.

Naomi Rousseau *(Principal)*

Update from...

Cormac Devlin TD

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the grand stretch in the evenings. The new Programme for Government has been adopted and the Taoiseach Micheál Martin and his ministers are getting down to work.

At the core of the Programme is a massive investment in infrastructure, particularly housing, but also other critical areas such as transport, hospitals, schools and utilities. The Programme also contains a commitment to establish a dedicated transport police unit, this was an issue that I have been campaigning on for many years and I am delighted to see it included. The Programme for Government is available at gov.ie

Bus Connects
Thank you to all the bus users that have been in contact with feedback about the changes introduced to bus services in the area under the Bus Connects plan that were approved by former Minister Eamon Ryan. The changes have resulted in issues for commuters, particularly at peak times.

I have organised a meeting with the Chief Executive of the National Transport Agency to raise the issues with a view to seeking an urgent resolution to the problems that the changes have created.

Support for Childminers
Supporting the provision of childcare is a priority and the new Minister for Children, Norma Foley TD has opened the Childminding Development Grant scheme for 2025. The Childminding Development Grant provides up to €1,000 to assist both registered and unregistered childminders who are providing a childminding service in their own homes.

The grant aims to support childminders to enhance quality and safety in their service through the purchase of toys, childcare equipment, safety equipment, as well as IT equipment to assist childminders to engage with training and registration processes.

The grant scheme is open to all childminders, including those who are planning to open a childminding business during 2025. 75% of the grant is paid in advance to help childminders with the upfront costs of purchasing equipment. Applications will be accepted until 4th April 2025 and more details are available at www.gov.ie/childminding

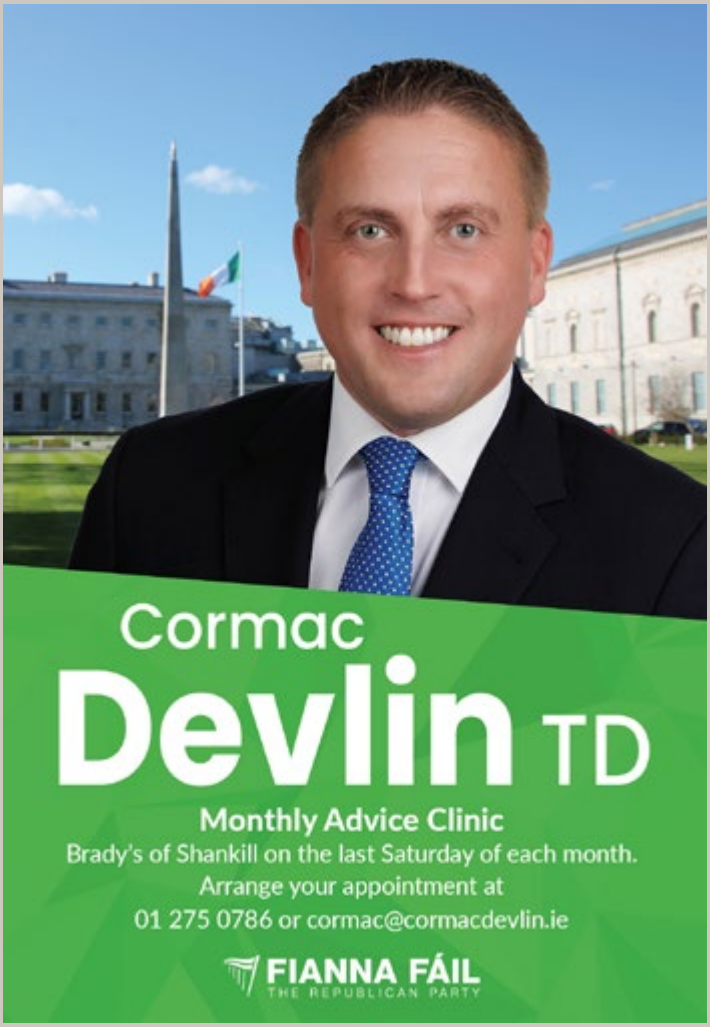
Draft Kiltiernan – Glenamuck Area Plan
The Council are currently seeking feedback from the public on their draft Local Area Plan for the Kiltiernan – Glenamuck area.

The draft plan if approved will influence the development of the Kiltiernan – Glenamuck area for the foreseeable future. I would encourage all residents in Shankill living close to the Kiltiernan side of the area to review the plan and to make a free submission before the deadline on 21st March 2025.

Full details of the draft plan can be reviewed at www.dlrcoco.ie/KGLAP2025

Officials have arranged a drop in session to review the plan which will be held at Kilternan Parish Centre Thursday 6th March 2025 from 4pm - 8pm. You can make a free online submission via the above link or by writing to the Council in Dún Laoghaire.

Keeping in Touch
My monthly Advice Clinic takes place in Brady's of Shankill on the last Saturday of each month, please give me a call on 01 275 0786 or email *cormac@cormacdevlin.ie* to arrange an appointment or if I can be of any assistance.



School News in scan

Mr. Quane's Class Activities

Mr. Quane's 4th class got hands on and made some cool replicas of Columbus' Santa Maria exploring clay building techniques in the process. Fourth class had great fun exploring the effect of friction on momentum and gravity. #STEM

Artist, Susie Fortune, explored portrait printmaking with 4th class producing some lovely pieces.

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School News in scan

St Anne's National School

Assemblies

by Aibhe Shannon and Crina Danaila

Assemblies give us a chance to come together. We have Junior and Senior Assemblies. Each week two children from each class come on stage to be praised. There are many reasons that students can be praised. There is also a special praise note Mr Fingleton can give if any teacher in the school nominates certain children. These children could be spotted opening the door in the hall for someone or using kind manners.
Some classes have had the chance to perform on stage also. Here are some pictures of some of the recent winners for praise notes.

Some children in Junior Infants were asked why they liked assembly and here are some responses

"I like that you can win a certificate to bring home"

"I like that I got praised the same day as my brother and cousin"

"I like seeing my older brother in the room"

We spoke to Ms Kelly who said assembly is so important. She said it brings the school together and gives teachers the chance to praise children. It is important to listen in assembly as we hear about upcoming events such as World Book day,
Last week Ms Olson's class had lots of fun performing a song called 'When I grow up' from Matilda the musical.

They were fantastic.

Fundraising for Children in Hospital

by Aoibheann Kirwan and Faye Byrne

We recently had a non-uniform day to raise money for CHI. It was a huge success. Last Friday, the 7th of February, 5th and 6th class packed up colouring packs for children in hospital. They put colouring sheets and crayons in the packs for the children who are sick in hospital. The CIH charity packs up bags for children all across the country so they have something to do while stuck in hospital. They also provide entertainers so that the parents of children can take a break and relax while the children have fun. If you want to donate to the charity, go to childreninhospital.ie.

Updates from the Media Team

Grandparents Day
Grandparents day is a huge hit in our school every year. This year was no different. Thank you to the PTA for organising tea and coffee in the hall. A big thank you to the prefects who also guided everyone around the school.

Some classes had prepared songs and poems to perform.

Reading Buddies
5th class has begun reading with Junior Infants every morning. This gives the Junior Infants a real chance to practice their reading skills. 5th class are so helpful and spend time asking questions to encourage the children to read for meaning.

Painters Pathway
It's the time of year again where we update the theme for our painters pathway. This time the student council met to discuss options. The theme of Love was mentioned and also flowers. We decided that the best idea would be to get the student voice in our school and have a vote. It was a close competition but with two more votes we will shortly begin working on some floral art. We hope to have some pictures in our next SCAN.

Mark the Science Guy
Thank you to the PTA for inviting Mark 'The Science Guy' into our school for a Junior and Senior workshop. Some children got the chance to go up on stage too!

The children had so much fun learning about science. The hall was full of laughter!

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH ROUNDABOUT (CORBAWN LANE/ DUBLIN ROAD/SHANGANAGH ROAD)

I received numerous representations from residents of Shankill regarding the poor reinstatement by Uisce Eireann of the road surface after the repairs due to the burst mains on the St. Anne's Church Roundabout. I contacted the Council and received the following update from the Road Maintenance Section:

"*Reinstatement/Road Repairs - St Anne's Church Roundabout, Shankill*
Good afternoon Councillor,
The Roads Control inspector confirmed this morning that the permanent reinstatement was carried out yesterday evening."

SHANGANAGH CASTLE DEVELOPMENT - REMAINING UNITS

Motion: That the Chief Executive report on the remaining units to be completed and allocated at the Shanganagh Castle Development.

Report: The social elements of the Shanganagh Castle development, remaining to be completed are due to be delivered as follows;
Phase 2, 104 Units – April 2025
Phase 3, 61 Units – September 2025
Once the completion date and property details are confirmed, the units will be advertised on the Choice Based Letting system and the process of allocation will be progressed, as per the Allocations Scheme.

The Affordable elements are expected to be delivered as follows:
Phase 2- Affordable Purchase- 40 Apartments- Q2/Q3 2025
Phase 2- Cost Rental- 111 Apartments- Q3 2025

SHANGANAGH CASTLE DEVELOPMENT - ALLOCATED AFFORDABLE TO BUY AND COST RENTAL

Motion: That the Chief Executive report on the recently allocated Affordable Purchase units and recently advertised Cost Rental units at Shanganagh Castle Development?

Report: Offers have been issued to applicants for all 51 Affordable Purchase houses in Shanganagh Castle. 37 applicants have accepted to date. The lottery for the Cost Rental units was conducted by the LDA in early January, and a total of 4608 applicants applied with just over 2200 meeting the eligibility criteria. The LDA are currently working through the allocation process.

PLANS AT ATHGOE/CORBAWN LANE/DORNEY COURT ROUNDABOUT, SHANKILL

Question: To ask the Chief Executive what works are planned at Athgoe/Corbawn Lane/Dorney Court Roundabout, Shankill "to enhance the existing crossing points from the footpath on the far side of Corbawn Lane into Dorney Court"?

Reply: The Traffic and Road Safety Section has examined the area and is initially considering providing two pedestrian crossings – one across Corbawn Lane

(possibly closer to the Dublin Road) and one approaching the vehicular entrance to Lidl. The detailed design and construction will depend on availability of resources.

FOOTPATH ON DUBLIN ROAD AT RATHMICHAEL PARK, SHANKILL

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to widen and level the footpath on Dublin Road at Rathmichael Park, Shankill to ensure it is accessible for all?

Reply: Minor surface defects exist on the footpath near the entrance to Rathmichael Park caused by the roots from an adjacent private tree. To address this, we intend to carry some footway works at this location in 2025.

CROMLECH FIELDS ROUNDABOUT

Motion: That the Chief Executive report on assessing all roads approaching and exiting the Cromlech Fields Roundabout on Shanganagh Road (Cromlech Fields, Killiney Hill Road, River Close and Shanganagh Road) "with reference to the installation of improved pedestrian facilities i.e. Zebra Crossing with Raised Ramps.

Report: There is a six-year roads objective in the County Development Plan which runs from the roundabout at St Anne's Church to the Cromlech Fields roundabout. The Capital Projects Section has identified this project as a long -term scheme, but design is effectively suspended due to the lack of funding. The Traffic and Road Safety Section is considering installing pedestrian crossings as an interim measure. The pedestrian crossings may be signalised crossings, zebra crossings or "Vienna Convention" crossings, possibly with raised ramps.

Think Languages Week

A Celebration of Languages *by Katie Healy*

All humans are the same, we all love, cry and feel. Although one thing that might set us apart is our languages, which is why it is important to celebrate our differences. Our school has taken part in Think Languages Week to help educate students about different cultures. Think Languages Week is a language-learning initiative that schools across the country take part in that runs from the 18th to the 22nd of November.

The week was organised by our amazing Think Languages student team Clara Tobias Cronin, Akvile Prielgauskaite, Jason Wang, Grace Campbell, Joe Cahill, which was headed by Ms. Marschner. The team has been meeting regularly to organise our week as well as hosting the Culture Club, a lunchtime event taking place every Thursday.

The week started off with the Transition Year students (TYs) creating informational posters for their chosen country that they would create a stall for at the end of the week. They then visited UCD and attended French and Spanish Workshops. They also got the chance to speak to students studying languages in UCD. The TYs were encouraged to continue languages at third-level education and go on Erasmus in their third year. The students were then treated to a free lunch from the Student Union shop, as well as a tour of the campus. It is clear that the study of languages is still very much alive in the youth of today as all of the UCD students had nothing but wonderful things to say about their course.

Over the course of the week, the TYs had dedicated their languages class to crafting posters for their stalls and cooking traditional food for the food fair. Once Friday finally came, the TYs attended talks from parents, students and teachers about their respective language journeys. The food fair was a huge hit. There were also language games, with prizes, which helped challenge our knowledge.

The students also took part in many interesting workshops organised by teachers. There was a workshop on Mexican culture, linguistics, Irish, Japanese and many others. The workshops helped us feel connected to the languages through interactivity and fun games.

The event reached an end with the closing ceremony. During the ceremony, the TYs listened to a talk by another third-level language student and the winners of best language stall for the food fair were announced. At the end of the ceremonies, a piñata was brought out and students got the chance to break it open and win the sweets inside.

As a TY student, I believe that the events did a fantastic job in convincing us to keep improving our language skills, even if it's just a quick lesson on Duolingo. The week helped educate us about different cultures and enlighten us on the importance of keeping language alive. It also gave us insight into the opportunities available to us to continue learning languages after secondary school. After the phenomenal week, every student went away with a more open mind about language and culture around the world.

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

FALLS ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING AND FOOTPATH

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to provide some traffic calming measures or a footpath along the entire length of Falls Road?

Reply: There are no plans to implement traffic calming measures or a footpath at this location.

STONEBRIDGE WOOD SAFETY MEASURES

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install a safety barrier on the footpath outside the access from Stonebridge Wood Estate to Stonebridge Road opposite Library Road?

Reply: The Council's Traffic and Road Safety section intends to install safety bollards at the edge of the footpath at this location. This should provide the necessary protection, be highly visible to drivers travelling in both directions, giving them an advance warning that they are approaching an area where children could be playing and will be aligned with the existing protection measures on this footpath.

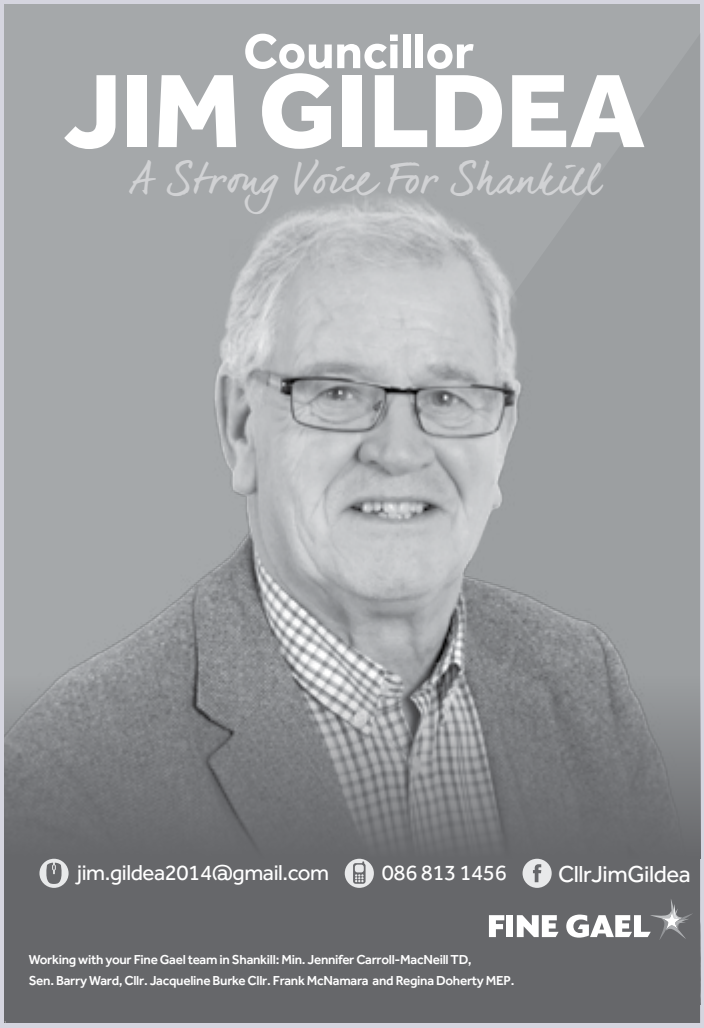
GREENWAY FROM LOUGHLINSTOWN ROUNDABOUT TO THE LUAS STATION AT BRIDES GLEN

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on the provision of a greenway from Loughlinstown Roundabout to the LUAS station at Brides Glen via the old Harcourt Street railway line. This report should address the provision of the route as set out in the question, and as discussed and agreed at this committee on a number of occasions in the past, without reference to a possible future route from the LUAS station to Falls Road and beyond which is dependent on Planning Permission for a site which has already been refused by ABP?

Reply: The Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network development by the NTA (National Transport Authority) has identified an active travel route linking Loughlinstown Roundabout through Rathmichael Manor, Loughlinstown Hospital along the old Harcourt Line, across the viaduct connecting to Brides Glen. It has also identified a route from Brides Glen along the Old Harcourt Line connecting into Stonebridge Road. (The route previously agreed at the committee did not include a route through Rathmichael Manor. Note the final sentence of this reply below.)

The Active Travel Team had made progress on the delivery of these routes via the Cherrywood to Shankill Greenway as included in Section 3.4 Schedule of the Capital Programme 2024-2026. This scheme was 100% funded by the NTA.

Following the issuing of the NTA advice note regarding Rapid Build Active Travel Facilities ('Active Travel Circular 01/23 Rapid Build Active Travel Facilities Advice Note) the options report was revisited. The assessment was updated with additional criteria included to align with the aims of the Advice Note. A Section 38 Scheme was brought to public display and the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee in 2024. Arup are currently preparing the detailed design for this scheme.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(This is an upgrade of the service road along the N11 from the roundabout to Cherrywood Road. While welcome it does not address access to the LUAS station)

The Active Travel team has been working with the Infrastructure Capacity Assessment Study (ICAS) team to plan active travel linkages in the Rathmichael and Old Conna Local Area Plan areas. This study is expected to be completed in 2025. The delivery of the Cherrywood to Shankill Greenway will be revisited once this study is completed, subject to funding being available.

NOTE: (The two sections in italics above are mine and did not form part of the reply)

CORBAWN ROUNDABOUT

Motion: That the Chief Executive makes arrangements to carry out repairs to the road surface on the access road to Corbawn Roundabout from the Dublin Road and on the roundabout itself.

Report: Following an assessment, we will endeavour to carry out resurfacing work here during the year in the localised areas showing signs of distress.

Note: The work on the roundabout has been completed. Repairs on the access road will be carried out later in the year.

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Aromatherapy with Andrea – A Calming Experience
We are delighted to have introduced aromatherapy sessions with Andrea, which have been a great source of relaxation and well-being for our attendees. Andrea's knowledge and gentle approach have created a soothing atmosphere, helping people feel at ease while enjoying the benefits of essential oils. These sessions have been especially helpful for those dealing with stress, anxiety, or aches and pains, and they continue to be a wonderful addition to our weekly schedule.

Reminiscence Classes with Frieda Quinn – Connecting Through Memories
Another highlight has been our reminiscence classes with Frieda Quinn. These sessions allow participants to share personal stories, relive cherished memories, and engage in meaningful discussions about the past. Whether reminiscing about childhood adventures, family traditions, or historical moments, these gatherings foster connection, laughter, and a deep sense of belonging. Frieda's expertise in guiding these sessions ensures that everyone feels heard and valued.

Essential Community Visits – Alone and Age Friendly Homes Ireland
We were thrilled to welcome representatives from Alone, who provided valuable insights into the supports available for those over 65 to help them live independently in their own homes. From social visits to practical assistance, Alone continues to be an essential resource for many older adults in our community.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Mary White Redmond from Age Friendly Homes Ireland, who spoke about the fantastic services available to help elderly individuals maintain their homes safely and comfortably. Whether through home adaptations, financial advice, or community supports their work is making a real difference in the lives of many.

Meals on Wheels – A Lifeline for Many
Our Meals on Wheels service remains a vital part of Shankill Day Care Centre, ensuring that those who may be unable to cook for themselves receive nutritious, hot meals delivered to their doors. This service not only provides essential nourishment but also offers a friendly face and a check-in for those who may feel isolated. To expand and enhance this Monday to Friday service, we need more volunteers to help with meal deliveries. If you can spare just one hour a week, you could make a huge difference in someone's life. Whether you have time once a week or more, we would love to hear from you!

A Team Effort – Overcoming Storm Eowyn
A true testament to the dedication of our staff and volunteers was seen recently when Storm Eowyn threatened to disrupt our services. Knowing that the storm would hit on a Friday, our incredible team came together on Thursday afternoon to deliver extra meals in advance. Their commitment ensured that everyone relying on our Meals on Wheels service had

enough food to see them through the bad weather. We are so grateful to our wonderful staff and volunteers for their hard work, kindness, and dedication.

Monthly Book Sale – A Community Favourite
Our monthly book sale, held on the first Saturday of each month, continues to be a great success. It's a fantastic opportunity for book lovers to find hidden gems while supporting the Centre. If you enjoy reading or know someone who does, be sure to drop by! Our next book sale is on Saturday 1st March 2025 from 10am to 1pm.

Join Us and Make a Difference
With such a brilliant start to the year, we are looking forward to everything 2025 has in store. Whether it's through our activities, community outreach, or vital services like Meals on Wheels, Shankill Day Care Centre remains committed to supporting and enriching the lives of older adults in our community. If you would like to get involved—whether by volunteering, attending our activities, or supporting our services—please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can continue making a difference!

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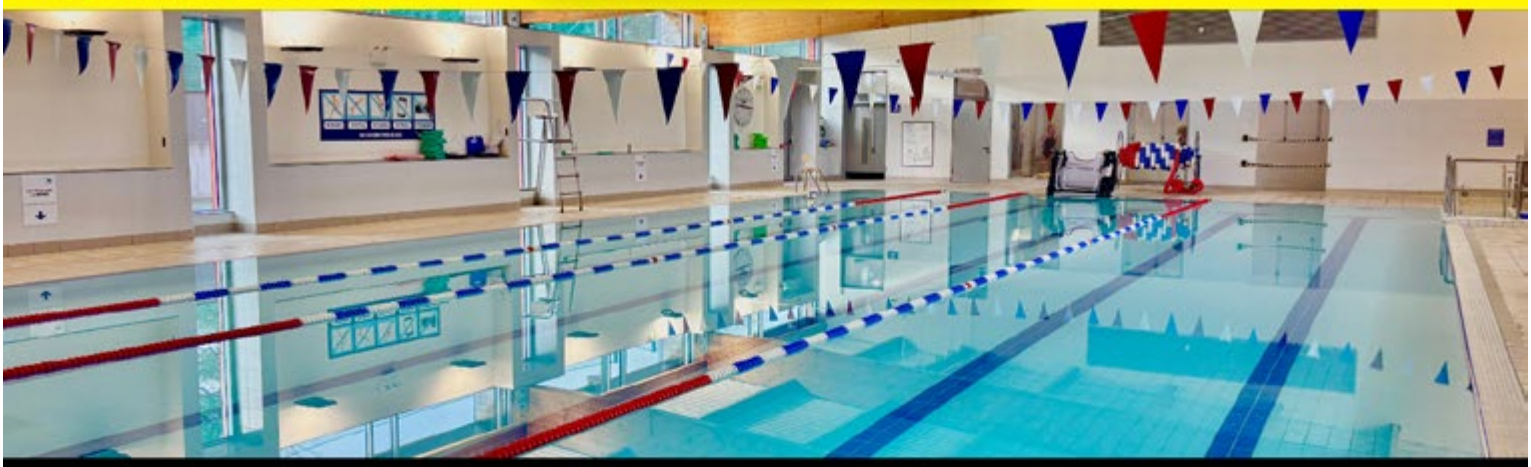

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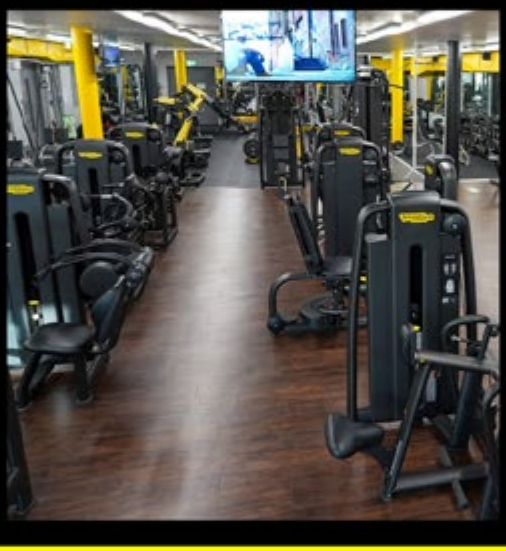

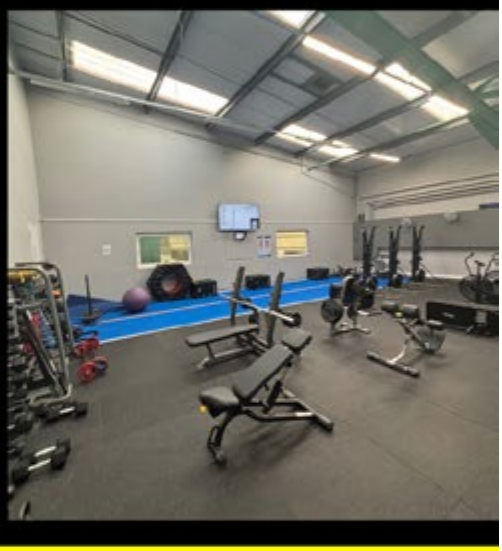

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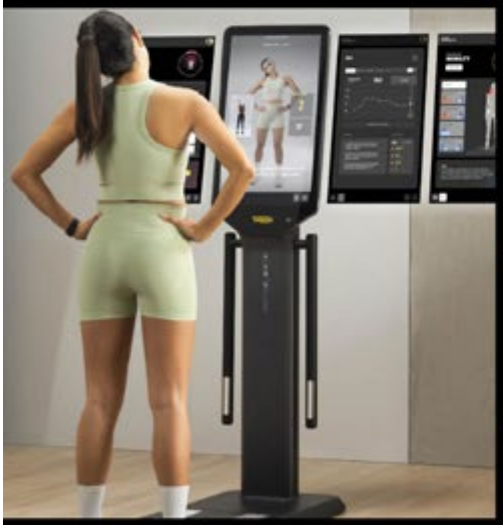

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PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D25A/0033/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 15/01/2025
D25A/0033/WEB Declare Application Invalid Date: 22/01/2025
D25A/0058/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 23/01/2025
Charton Homes Limited, Sites 1,2 & 5, Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
Permission sought for: (a) alterations to previously approved plans & elevations of House Type 6 on Site 1 and amend location of previously approved garage, (b) alterations to previously approved plans & elevations of House Type 4 on Site 2, (c) alterations to previously approved plans & elevations of House Type 5 on Site 5, (d) all ancillary site works. Previously granted permission D15A/0403 (extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E).

DZ25A/0066/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 29/01/2025
SSC Property ICAV for SSC Property Fund 1, Building 7 The Campus, Cherrywood Avenue, Cherrywood, D18T8Y6
Permission sought for the change of use of parts of existing Building 7 totaling 1207.4sqm at basement (units 1 and 2), ground first (unit 3) and second floor (unit 5) from Offices (Class 3) to Medical/ Dental and Related Uses (Class 8) and permission to occupy the existing and proposed Building 7 floorspace (ie. entire building excluding Ground Floor Retail Unit 1) to accommodate single or multiple tenancies.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D24A/0904/WEB Refuse Permission Date: 13/01/2025
Lesley Sawyer & amp; Dariusz Adamczyk, Suimneas, 7 Quarry Road, Shankill, D18F1H9
Permission for (a) detached single storey dwelling (142 sq.m app) on a site comprising 0.197ha app. (b) reconfigured main site entrance (including cut back of roadside boundaries) with new gate and piers to provide dual vehicular access to existing dwelling and proposed new dwelling (c) new driveway to proposed dwelling with car parking space for two cars (d) new wastewater treatment system with pumped soil polishing filter (e) landscaping, boundary walls and fences and all associated siteworks connected with the development.

D24A/0939/WEB Grant Permission Date: 27/01/2025
Michael McElroy, 34, Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18T635
Garage conversion for extended living. Relocation of the front door. Single-storey extension to the rear. Raising of the roof on the existing side extension.

D24A/0948/WEB Refuse Permission Date: 28/01/2025
Adrian and Aisling Buckley, Ard na Laoi, Ballyman Road, Old Connaught, A98T6D2
Permission for the provision of a new two storey house and associated effluent
treatment system.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D24A/0872/WEB 1st Party Appeal against Refusal of Permission Date: 31/10/2024
Eileen O' Sullivan, The Paddock, Quarry Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Permission sought for a dwelling house with improvements to existing site entrance, set back of roadside hedge, driveway and landscaping, on site wastewater treatment system in compliance with EPA standards and ancillary works.
Council Decision: Refuse permission Appeal Lodged: 27/01/2025

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D24A/0492 Refuse Permission Date: 31/01/2025
Conor Goff, 60, Roseville Cottage, Commons Road, D18NXR6
Permission for retention and alterations to development of part dormer dwelling with two storey extension to north rear side and single story extension on west side with open canopy over entrance door. Permission for Demolition and removal of the second storey rear north elevation wall and flat roof and its replacement with a reduced height pitched roof, demolition and removal of the flat roof and roof garden to the ground floor extension to the west side of the building and its replacement with a pitched roof and pergola. Installation of new ground floor bedroom window to the east wall and a new rooflight over the master bedroom. Execution of new flood defence works including installation of flood protection gates.
Council Decision: Refuse permission for retention

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